GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:14
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2001
NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agriculture Policy is under implementation;

(b) if so, whether the definition of small and marginal farmers has undergone a change in the new policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the new definition is likely to benefit these categories of farmers as compared to the previous definition; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.14 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2001.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): The definition of small and marginal farmers and other categories as per the All India Report on Agriculture Census is as follows:-

Marginal	1.0 ha. and below
Small	1.0 ha. to 2.0 ha.
Semi-medium	2.0 ha. to 4.0 ha.
Medium	4.0 ha. to 10 ha.
Large	10.00 ha. and above.

This definition has been in vogue since 1971 and there has been no change in the definition since then.